

2014-2015 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Is the Humphrey Fellowship a degree-granting program?

No, the Humphrey program is a non-degree exchange program. Participants may complete academic coursework at their host university to update their academic and professional knowledge in their field, but they do not receive an academic degree as a result of their participation in the program.

2. I worked part-time in a professional position while I was in graduate school. Does that qualify me for the Humphrey Fellowship program?

Candidates for the Humphrey program should have at least five years of full-time experience in their professional field and should be at a point in their careers to fully benefit from this mid-career program. Candidates with only part-time work experience may not be considered eligible.

3. What is the application deadline?

Application deadline for participants from Iraq is July 18, 2013.

4. If I'm selected, what are the time demands of the program?

The Humphrey program is quite rigorous and life as a Humphrey Fellow does not resemble that of a graduate student with regular hours and a predictable schedule. There are many activities required of Humphrey Fellows as part of the program. Fellows go on field trips, attend a weekly Humphrey seminar as well as other conferences and networking meetings, and may spend long hours each day in classes and involved in campus and community activities, in addition to spending time with other members of the group on campus. Fellows also travel away from their host campus as part of the program, spending two weeks in Washington, DC for national program events. Fellows may also attend workshops and conferences in other parts of the country at various times throughout the year.

5. May I choose the university I will attend?

Fellows are not able to choose which university they will attend. Rather, they are assigned in diverse groups to the most appropriate host institution based on their area of interest and professional field.

Host campuses and their fields of study are listed by state below.

ARIZONA

Arizona State University, Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication – journalism, broadcast journalism, digital journalism, media management, media policy

CALIFORNIA

The University of California at Davis, University Outreach and International Programs – agricultural and environmental sciences, engineering, biological sciences, agricultural and resource economics, management, law, medicine and public health, veterinary medicine, water resource management, environmental management, and technology transfer

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The American University, Washington College of Law - International business law, international protection of human rights, international environmental law, international organizations, gender and the law

GEORGIA

Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health – Behavioral science and health education, biostatistics, environmental and occupational health, epidemiology, health policy and management, infectious and chronic diseases, international health, maternal and child health, mental health, preventive medicine, nursing and nutrition

LOUISIANA

Tulane University, School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine Health systems management, hospital administration, maternal and child health, tropical medicine, nutrition, environmental health and epidemiology

MARYLAND

University of Maryland at College Park, College of Journalism Print and broadcast journalism, mass communication research, advertising, public relations and international communication, public administration

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston University - Banking and management, finance, education, international trade, economic development, academic planning, special education, economics, technology, development, insurance and risk management, financial planning, and international management

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Special Program for Urban and Regional Studies of Developing Areas (SPURS) – Regional economic integration, international and comparative planning, environmental policy and planning, city design and development, housing, community and economic development

MICHIGAN

Michigan State University, International Studies Program – International finance and trade, international and development economics, macroeconomics, microenterprise development, environmental economics, financing in rural and urban settings

MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs Public policy, management and leadership, education, economic development, community development and democratization, international governance, human resources, and environment

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, The Human Rights Center and the University of Minnesota Law School Human rights, law, law enforcement and human trafficking

NEW YORK

Cornell University, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Agriculture, agronomy, industrial relations, tourism, wildlife management, environmental management, natural resource management, rural development, export promotion and foreign trade, regional development, and nutrition

Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs – Public and international affairs, public policy, management and leadership, anti-corruption/transparency, public-private partnerships, and conflict resolution

TENNESEE

Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education and Human Development – Educational administration, planning and policy

PENNSYLVANIA

Penn State University, College of Education Educational planning and administration, public policy, administration, management, and technology transfer.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Commonwealth University, Institute of Drug and Alcohol Studies – Substance Abuse and Education

WASHINGTON

University of Washington, Seattle, Evans School of Public Affairs Public administration and public policy, human resource development, social services, environmental management and resource planning

6. What does the Fellowship stipend cover?

The Fellowship provides for:

- Payment of tuition and fees at the assigned host university;
- Pre-academic English language training, if required;
- A maintenance (living) allowance, including a one-time settling-in allowance;
- Accident and sickness coverage;
- A textbook allowance;
- A one-time computer subsidy;
- Air travel (international travel to and from the U.S. for the program and domestic travel to required program events); and
- A professional development allowance for professional activities, such as field trips, professional visits and conferences.

7. What is the timeline of the program?

Applications are due to the Embassy by July 18, 2013. Fellowships are announced in March the following year and Humphrey Fellows start their program in the U.S. between April and September of the same year, depending on the amount of English language training required.

The program ends the following June. Fellows with inadequate TOEFL scores may be required to attend intensive English language training before the start of their Fellowship.

8. What level of English Language is required for the program?

Candidates should be able to score a 525 on the paper-based TOEFL (71 on the Internet-based TOEFL). However, strong applicants with lower TOEFL scores can be nominated for the pre-academic or Long-Term English (LTE) training programs.

9. If I'm not selected this year, may I reapply?

Participants generally may reapply for the program; however, please consult the Embassy at FulbrightIraq@state.gov for specific guidelines and assistance with the Embark application.